SUBJECT No. 109.

Grants-in-aid to reading rooms and libraries.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishniah, A. Anniah Pandit, N. Srikantiah and D. Banumiah, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Note.—Not taken up for discussion.

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SUBJECT No. 110.

Improvement of the staff in Anglo-Vernacular and Elementary Schools.

Messrs. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore District Board; Sitaramiah, Hiriyur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The quality of teachers in the lower grades is not satisfactory. It is necessary that better staff should be employed. The pay of the teachers should be made attractive and only men with proper qualifications should be appointed.

Reply of Government.—Orders have been passed revising and increasing the scale of pay of the masters of the A.-V. Schools.

SUBJECT No. 111.

Increase of grants to Grant-in-aid schools.

Mr. Narasimha Sastri, Arkalgud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Increased grants should be given to masters in English Schools and better supervision should be arranged for.

The Inspector-General of Education pointed out that additional Inspecting Officers and Educational supervisors had been appointed and that arragements had been made to ensure prompt disbursement of pay.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 112.

Appointment of a Special Officer in charge of School-building works.

Mr. Mohamed Abbas Khan, Central Mohamedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The Education department has not been able to give full effect to the orders of the Government sanctioning the construction of buildings for Hindustani and other schools during 1915-16. A Special Officer may be appointed to be in charge of all building works in the Education department so as to give effect to the benevolent intentions of Government.

Reply of Government.—There is an overseer already appointed for the purpose, working under the Inspector-General of Education.

SUBJECT No. 113.

Medical inpection of school children.

Mr. A. Anantiah, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—A systematic examination of school children by medical and health officers may be made compulsory. This will enable the students and their parents to cure the defects pointed out.

Mr. S. Venkatesaiya.—The forms now employed are too elaborate, and the collection of information in these forms takes a long time.

Reply of Government.—Under investigation by the Education Committee and the University. Some arrangements have been made in the District Headquarters.